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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 136  
INFO RUQVLK/AMEMBASSY KABUL 3302  
ZEN/AMCONSUL LAHORE 8124  
RUSVWR/AMCONSUL KARACHI 9353  
RUESHR/AMEMBASSY TEHRAN 1926  
RUSBAE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 9972  
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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN

REF: KARACHI 5256

1. ACCORDING AMCONSUL PESHAWAR, PAK-AFGHAN BORDER WAS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC BOTH WAYS AS OF MID-DAY JULY 19 AND HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN CLOSED SINCE COUP. AFGHAN-OWNED PUBLIC BUSES HAVE BEEN FLYING BETWEEN PESHAWAR AND AFGHANISTAN EVER SINCE COUP WHILE PAK-OWNED BUSES, WHICH STOPPED RUNNING WHEN COUP OCCURRED, RESUME TRIPS JULY 19. TELEPHONE SERVICE TO AFGHANISTAN REMAINS OUT, HOWEVER, AND PIA REPORTS ITS PLANS FOR RESUMING AIR SERVICE TO KABUL ARE INDEFINITE.

2. AFGHAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AT TORKHAM REPORTEDLY ARE PERMITTING ENTRY OF ANYONE HOLDING VALID AFGHAN VISA. NEITHER AFGHAN EMBASSY ISLAMABAD NOR AFGHAN CONSULATE PESHAWAR IS ISSUING VISAS, HOWEVER.

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